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REMARKS

The Applicant and the undersigned thank Examiner Guill for his careful review of this application and for the indication of allowable subject matter in independent Claims 11, 20 and 29. Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 1-10, 12, 15-16, and 24-25 have been cancelled and Claims 11, 13-14, 17-23, and 26-30 remain pending in this application. The independent claims are Claims 11, 20, and 29.

Consideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the above claim amendments to the application, the telephonic interview, and in view of the following remarks.

Information Disclosure Statement of July 11, 2005

Examiner Guill has indicated that certain documents listed on Applicant's PTO-1449 were missing from the information disclosure statement (IDS) submission of July 11, 2005. The Applicant believes that all documents listed on Applicant's PTO-1449 were present when the IDS was filed on July 11, 2006. Applicant's representative will contact Examiner Guill to see if a faxed courtesy copies will be acceptable by the Examiner.

Objections to the Claims

Examiner Guill objected to dependent Claim 22 because of an antecedent basis issue. The Applicant has amended the claim in accordance with the Examiner's very helpful comments. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejected Claims 11, 20, and 29 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim which the Applicant regards as the invention. The Applicant respectfully offers remarks to traverse this rejection.

Examiner Guill has identified a words that he believes are unclear. The Examiner has indicated that he has interpreted the claims without certain terms that he believes are unclear. The Applicant has amended the claims in light of the Examiner's very helpful comments. Specifically, the Applicant has deleted the language from the claims that was unclear to the

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Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph are respectfully requested.

Dependent Claims 13-14, 17-19, 21-23, 26-28 and 30

The Applicant respectfully submits that the above-identified dependent claims are allowable because the independent claims from which they depend are patentable over the cited references. The Applicant also respectfully submits that the recitations of these dependent claims are of patentable significance.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the pending rejections of dependent Claims 13-14, 17-19, 21-23, 26-28 and 30.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed on April 3, 2006. The Applicant and the undersigned thank Examiner Guill for consideration of these remarks. The Applicant has amended the claims to overcome the prior art. The Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is hereby courteously solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any formalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, please contact the undersigned in the Atlanta Metropolitan area (404) 572-2884.

Respectfully submitted,

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